

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

August 8, 2013

9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

**Log Lodge Main Conference Room (Building 302)
USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Powder Mill Road and Log Lodge Road
Beltsville, Maryland 20705**

Conference Call Number: 866.299.3188, Code: 267.5715

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09:30 Welcome and Introductions Coale

09:35 AgWG Meeting Minutes Coale
Frank Coale, Agriculture Workgroup Chair, will introduce the draft minutes from the July 11, 2013 workgroup meeting held at the U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office for review and approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

09:40 Expert Review Panel Schedule Update Dubin
Mark Dubin, Agriculture Workgroup Coordinator, will provide an update on the schedule for the development and review of the Phase 5.3.2 panel recommendation reports.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

09:45 Poultry Production Data Panel Glancey et al
Jim Glancey, Poultry Litter Subcommittee Chair, will lead a panel discussion on poultry production data sources being evaluated by the subcommittee to represent poultry populations and associated litter nutrients. The opportunities and limitations of various data federal, state and private industry sources will be presented.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

11:00 Nutrient Management Panel Update Brosch
Chris Brosch, Nutrient Management Panel Chair, will provide an update on the panel's development of new three-tier definitions for nutrient management application BMPs.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 11:20** **Cover Crops Panel Update** **Meisinger**
Jack Meisinger, Cover Crops Panel Chair, will provide an update on the panel's development of new cover crop species definitions and effectiveness values for the Phase 5.3.2 models.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 11:40** **Conservation Tillage Panel Update** **Dubin**
Mark will provide an update on behalf of Wade Thomason, Conservation Tillage Panel Chair, on the panel's continuing work on redefining the Continuous No-Till (CNT) BMP for the Phase 5.3.2 models.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 12:00** **Lunch Break**

- 01:00** **Maryland Agricultural BMP Assessment Update** **York**
Dana York, Green Earth Connection, LLC, will present next steps in the technical review of Maryland Department of Agriculture's functional equivalents as introduced during the July meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 01:10** **Draft Chesapeake Bay Agreement** **Dubin/York**
Mark and Dana will provide an update on the agricultural outcome proposed for the draft Chesapeake Bay Agreement under development by the Management Board. A previous draft contained language that was adapted from the Chesapeake Bay Executive Order, and committed to implementing new conservation practices on 4 million high priority agricultural acres by 2025. The Workgroup has continued to recommend excluding the proposed outcome.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 01:20** **Proposed Toxics Contamination Outcome** **Phillips**
Scott Phillips, USGS Chesapeake Bay Coordinator, will present several proposed options on including an outcome statement in the draft Chesapeake Bay Agreement addressing toxic contaminants. Scott will briefly review the toxics contaminants report and focus on the four outcome options currently being reviewed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

01:50 Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee Update Dell
Curtis Dell, USDA-ARS Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee Chair, will provide a report on the activities of the new subcommittee. The members are currently reviewing and prioritizing the Phase 6.0 model recommendations developed during the Build a Better Bay Model workshop in May of this year.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

02:10 BMP Transparency Update Coale/Dubin
Frank and Mark will provide an update on the development of a definition for transparency by the BMP Verification Committee's Transparency Subgroup.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

02:20 BMP Verification Management BMP Subgroup Coale
Frank will introduce the formation of an Agriculture Workgroup subgroup to begin developing BMP verification protocols for the management BMP category included in the Verification Matrix. The workgroup voted to adopt the draft version of the matrix presented during the July 11th meeting, which does not currently provide information on management type BMPs. Suggestions for candidates to serve on the subgroup will be requested.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

02:50 Manure Treatment Technology Panel Coale
According to the current workgroup prioritized list of BMP evaluations, the new BMP representing manure treatment technologies is next in line to be evaluated through an expert review panel. Frank will entertain interest from the workgroup in potentially moving forward to solicit candidates for forming a panel to address this BMP. If recommended by the workgroup, the new BMP panel will be seated upon the conclusion of one of the existing four expert review panels.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

03:10 Partner Updates Coale
Frank will open the floor to updates from the partnership.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

03:15 Review of AgWG Recommendations Giese
Emma Giese, CRC Staffer, will review the draft notes from the meeting for comment.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

03:30 Adjourn

Conference Call Materials:

Participants are requested to review the materials posted on the AgWG webpage for the meeting. Some documents may be posted just prior to the meeting, so please check back.

Agenda Schedule:

The meeting agenda is reflective known information at the time of publication and may be subject to change due to other circumstances. Additional agenda items may be added if time is available.

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